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JSS Hospital shortlisted for COVID vaccine, drug trials

Clinical trial to evaluate if Covishield vaccine can prevent symptomatic Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

A file photo of JSS COVID Testing Lab in Mysuru.

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (RK, MTY& BCT)- Mysuru's JSS Hospital and Medical College has been shortlisted by Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) for Serum Institute of India's COVID-19 vaccine candidate — Covishield — trial. The clinical trial is designed to evaluate if an investigational vaccine can prevent symptomatic Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in adults.

The institution has also been shortlisted for oral medicine trial of a private pharmaceutical company. JSS, with its advanced facilities and an exclusive COVID-19 Testing Laboratory, is the second hospital in Karnataka that has been shortlisted to take up the COVID-19 vaccine trials. The other institute is Jeevan Rekha Hospital, Belagavi which has been chosen for human trials of Covaxin, another vaccine candidate.

In a latest development this morning, the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) has given approval to Serum Institute of India for conducting phase II and III clinical trials of Oxford University-AstraZeneca vaccine against Coronavirus disease in the country, the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW) said.

A senior official in the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) said, "The subject expert committee that went through the data and protocol submitted for the trial was satisfied with the results and based on their opinion the DCGI permitted its trial in India."

On July 20, the initial trial results for the vaccine candidate, Covishield, which were made public by Oxford University, had shown promising results. The preliminary trial results published in the medical journal 'The Lancet' said that the vaccine candidate was safe and induced immune reaction against SARS-CoV-2, which causes Covid-19 and protect healthy people from infection.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Dr. H. Basavana Gowdappa, Principal of JSS Medical College said that the ICMR had examined the records and facilities of the JSS Hospital and had shortlisted the institute for trials.

(See JSS HOSPITAL on page 6)

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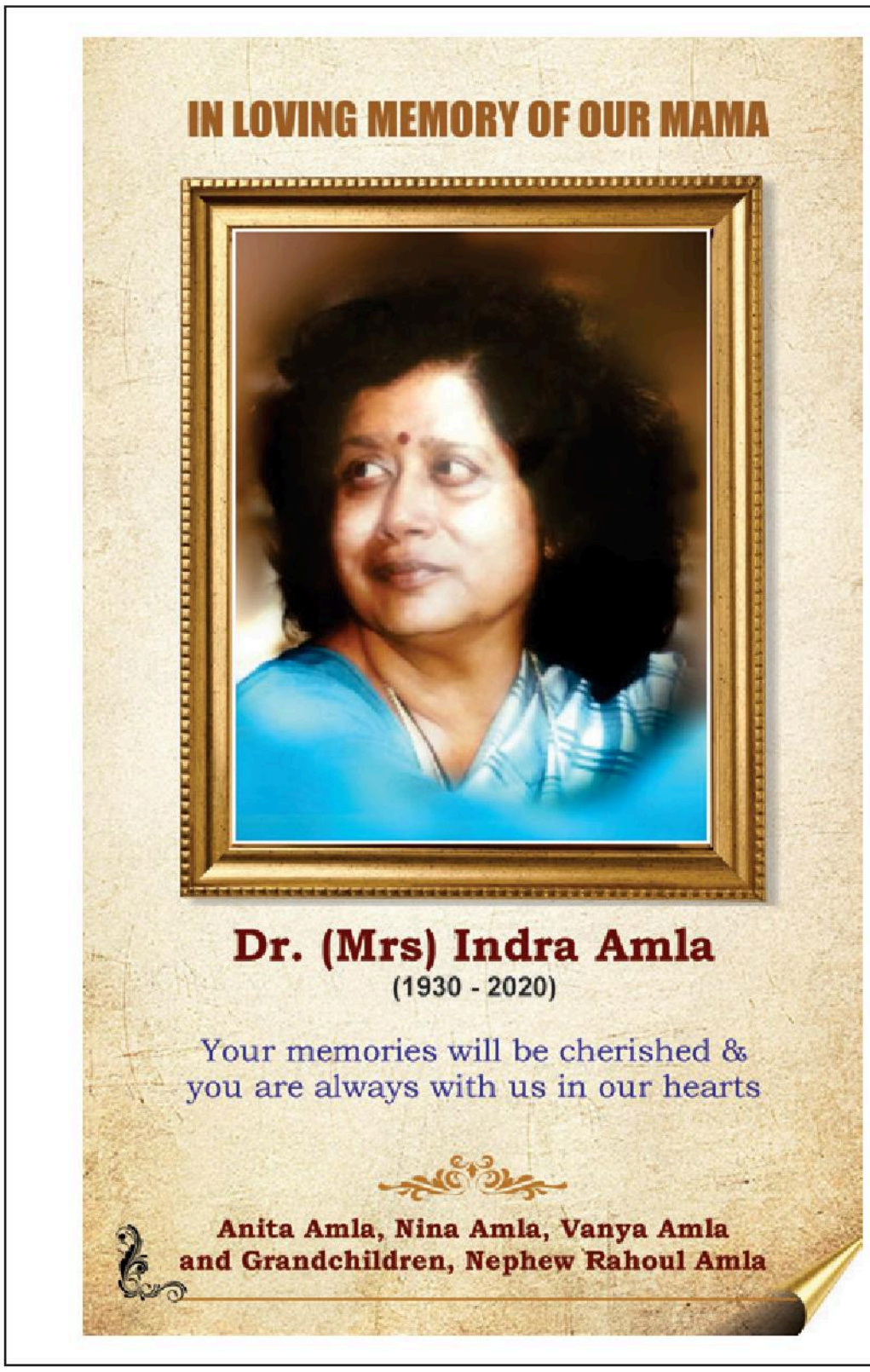

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR MAMA
Dr. (Mrs) Indra Amla
(1930 - 2020)
Your memories will be cherished &
you are always with us in our hearts
Anita Amla, Nina Amla, Vanya Amla
and Grandchildren, Nephew Rahoul Amla

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 3rd August 2020

Music promoter opposes appointment of Dr. Nagesh Bettakote as regular VC of Music University

Mysuru, Aug.3 - City's well-known music promoter and former Syndicate Member of Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, C.R. Himamshu, has opposed the possible appointment of In-charge Vice-Chancellor Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote as regular Vice-Chancellor of the Music Varsity.

C.R. Himamshu

Prof. Nagesh

In a press release, Himamshu alleged that Prof. Nagesh Bettakote, who is serving as In-charge VC of the University, has indulged in large scale financial irregularities and taking unilateral decisions.

Pointing out that following numerous complaints by students and some staff of the University, the Higher Education Department has ordered a probe into the complaints, he said that the Office of the Regional Commissioner, Mysuru, deputed five of its personnel to probe the charges against Prof. Bettakote.

Noting that even as the probe is on, a Search Committee's decision to consider Prof. Bettakote for full-time VC's Office is a gross violation of the law, he urged the Government not to appoint him as the regular VC for any reason but instead appoint a Scholar with a clean background, who can bring laurels to the Music University.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The most notable and welcome aspect of the National Education Policy (NEP) is the decision to enhance public spending on education to 6% of the GDP, something which is long overdue. With this, there will be an enhanced prospect for higher education to be more productive to serve the needs of the country. The decision to create a separate technology unit to develop digital education resources, specially in the wake of the prolonged COVID-19 pandemic, is the need of the hour. The move to abolish UGC and the AICTE were doing rounds and the same has now been announced. The new body, which will take over its functions, probably the Higher Education Council, will have onerous responsibilities in promoting and regulating higher education in the country. What shape will it take and with how much of functional autonomy, remains unclear as of now. The decision about medical and legal education being continued under separate regulatory authorities is pragmatic. The proof of the pudding is in eating. The country would watch keenly how professionally the NEP is going to be implemented. — *P.S. Jayaramu in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Building has a Highway passing right through it

Osaka: The Gate Tower Building is one of the many several tall office buildings that make up Osaka's impressive skyline, but there is something about it that makes it unique in the world – it has a functional highway going right through it.

Photos of this architectural anomaly have been doing the rounds on social media for over two decades now and it's easy to see why. 16-storey buildings don't usually have highway off-ramps going right through them, but the Gate Tower Building does and the traffic doesn't affect the people working inside it one bit. The elevators are located on the side of the building, and the highway itself doesn't touch the tower, which is properly insulated against traffic noise and vibrations anyway. It's still quite a sight to behold, and if you're ever in Osaka you should definitely pass by, or rather, through.

Controversial sport of sitting and counting bird calls

Flanders: Sports are usually associated with skill and effort, be they physical or mental, but in Vinkensport or vinkenzetting (literally 'Finch Sitting), a traditional animal sport practiced in the Dutch-speaking region of Flanders, it's all about sitting down and listening to birds singing.

In Vinkensport, small cages are lined up in a row about six feet apart on the street. Inside each box is a single male chaffinch whose job is to produce as many bird calls as possible in one hour. Sitting in front of the wooden cages are their owners, the vinkeniers ("finchers") who tally the bird songs with chalk on a large wooden rod. Each chalk line represents one complete bird call which ends in a characteristic flourish known as a susk-e-wiet. Judges walk along the row of cages to make sure no one cheats. The chaffinch with the most bird calls in an hour is declared the winner.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Can I lower my blood pressure by squeezing a Tennis Ball?

This is a form of isometric exercise that can lower blood pressure by 5 to 19 points. Squeeze the ball moderately for 90 seconds, change hands, then repeat 3 times, 3 to 5 times per week. Expect results in 6 to 8 weeks. Exercise must be continued to maintain lower blood pressure.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Webinar on Jantar Mantar Observatories on Aug. 6

Mysuru, Aug. 3- Mysore Astronomical Society (MAS) is organising a Webinar on 'Jantar Mantar Observatories' on Aug. 6 at 7 pm through online platform. Resource person Dr. N. Rathnasree, Director, Nehru Planetarium, New Delhi, will speak about the observatories of Jantar Mantar.

Dr. N. Rathnasree

Dr. Rathnasree completed M.Sc in Physics in 1986 from University of Hyderabad and Ph.D in Astrophysics in 1994 from Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai.

A post-doctoral fellow from Raman Research Institute, Bengaluru and University of Vermont, Burlington, USA, she has published books on Science, Education and Astronomy. She has organised many opto-mechanical and hybrid programmes at Nehru Planetarium. Additionally, she has organised national-level outreach programmes in Astronomy and has published numerous research papers on Theoretical Astrophysics, Radio Astronomy and Archaeoastronomy.

The webinar shall be conducted through Google Meet. It is open for all and there is no registration fee. Participants should register initially and all registered attendees will get an e-certificate.

Those interested can contact Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna on Mob: 96323-76757 and Shwetha Krishna on Mob: 90084-92433, Conveners, MAS or V. Vaishnavi Srivatsa, Student Coordinator, on Mob: 9632748875, according to a press release.

Really...?

- ***A little known fact about pineapple is that it contains an enzyme called bromelain. If you read other sources they all say pretty much the same things. This enzyme breaks down proteins in your mouth, namely your taste buds. This can wreck your palate for the rest of the day until your mouth can heal itself. A fun fact that a lot of people throw around that the enzyme bromelain is used in meat tenderizer. Pineapple is a fruit and that means it's great for you, but you should probably let a freshly sliced pineapple sit in the fridge for a bit before eating it so the enzymes can break down.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A group of brave souls were having their first lesson in sky-diving: "What if the parachute doesn't open?" asked one meekly. "That's" said the instructor grimly, "what we call jumping to a conclusion!"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.94
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 97.95
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.40
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.11

VOICE OF THE READER

Stray dogs need better treatment after sterilisation

Sir,

This is regarding sterilisation of stray dogs in Mysuru. I have seen so many dogs are caught by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) staff, sterilised in People For Animals (PFA) and left in streets without proper procedures and post-operative care.

Many of them have faced infections and were dead. Some dogs that were recently sterilised are facing a lot of problems. These dogs skip food, water and don't eat anything. As a result, they gradually become skinny, their operated stitches open up and get infected. Finally they die.

These innocent street dogs have been treated so badly without proper post-operative care. Even when they are given treatment outside after all these, they are not surviving. Hope the MCC and PFA will look into this problem and save the animals.

— An animal lover

Kuvempunagar 2.8.2020

Plea to re-install S.L. Bhyrappa's name board at Circle

Mysuru, Aug.3 (SPN&DM)- Aniketana Trust President and former Corporator K.V. Mallesh has urged the MCC authorities to re-install the name board of renowned Novelist and *Saraswati Samman* awardee Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa at the Circle in front of Garuda Park in Kuvempunagar, that was removed for carrying out drainage works over two months ago.

In a press statement, Mallesh said that the MCC had named the Circle in front of Garuda Park at Udayaravi and Gaganachumbi Double Road after Dr. Bhyrappa and installed a name board a few years ago. But the MCC removed it for carrying out Underground Drainage works about two months ago and the authorities have not bothered to re-install it even after the works were completed.

Recalling that the MCC did not bother to re-install the name board of noted activist late Prof. K. Ramdas at the Circle on Panchamantra road in Kuvempunagar, which was pulled down several years ago for carrying out some works, Mallesh said that the name board of Dr. Bhyrappa too must not meet the same fate and the authorities must re-install it at the earliest as respect for the acclaimed Novelist, who regularly walks past the road where the Circle is located.

Dr. Indra Amla passes away

Mysuru, Aug.3 - City's well-known Paediatrician Dr. (Mrs.) Indra Amla (90), wife of late Dr. B.L. Amla, former Director of Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, passed away at her residence in Gokulam on Aug. 1.

She leaves behind three daughters — Anita, Nina and Vanya — grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held in city on Saturday afternoon, according to family sources.

Profile: Dr. Indra Amla was born in 1930 to G.V. Krupanidhi and Sushila Krupanidhi. Krupanidhi was a former editor of *Deccan Herald*. She obtained her MBBS from the acclaimed Lady Hardinge Medical College in New Delhi.

Dr. Indra Amla received MRCP and FRCP from Edinburgh Medical School, United Kingdom. She had an early stint in USA working at New York and Cincinnati.

On returning to India, Dr. Indra

Dr. Indra Amla

Amla joined Mysore Medical College as a Professor in the Department of Paediatrics. For almost two decades, she enriched the medical fraternity of the institution by serving as the Head of Department of Paediatrics and also as Principal of Mysore Medical College.

Taking a break from India, Dr. Indra Amla moved to USA on an assignment at the Georgetown Medical Hospital, Washington DC. Again, on return to India, she took up the assignment at JSS Medical College, Mysuru, with the honour being the First Head of the Department of Paediatrics.

Being a Doctor in profession, Dr. Indra Amla was very much committed to serve the human society through Krupanidhi Mother and Child Foundation that provided the requisite care for needy families.

As an Educationist, Dr. Indra Amla was involved in taking forward the CFTRI School to higher pinnacle of education system in Mysuru.

Condoled

Sam Cherian Kumbukattu, Managing Director, Schevaran Laboratories Pvt Ltd., Mysuru, has condoled her death. In his condolence message he said, "To the Schevaran family, the Amla couple were a pillar of strength in the progress of company with moral support and well-being business ethics for all times. We definitely miss Dr. (Mrs.) Indra Amla amongst us, but their blessings and wishes always remain with us in moving ahead."

A TRIBUTE

Her popularity as a Doctor was so much, some patients even named their daughters 'Indra'

By Dr. V. Prakash,
Former Director of CFTRI and Distinguished Scientist of CSIR

When Sam Cherian called me on Saturday morning and gave the news of Dr. Mrs. Indra Amla's demise, I rushed to their house and paid my last respects to her. In the afternoon when I was sitting at home I remembered some of the events over four decades of association.

Dr. Indra Amla was always seen by us in CFTRI campus during 1972 (when I was a student) as a serious Doctor who spoke less and would go to her work at Cheluvamba Hospital and return for lunch and again go back to work in the evening in a Herald car, I think.

As a Doctor by profession, she was very busy as one could see. Her popularity as a Doctor was so much, I know some patients who have even named their daughters Indra in reverence to Dr. Indra Amla.

Over a period of time when I came back from the USA, Dr. Amla and family too had returned from USA after her stint at the World Bank. I was working as a Scientist at CFTRI and I saw her involved more with some of the Projects on Proteins and Nutrition at CFTRI and other Hospitals of Mysore, in spite of her busy schedule with the local Hospitals — especially pertaining to Nutrition and Paediatrics.

Many people at CFTRI came to know her more at that time. After I took over as Director, she used to bring us new thoughts with JSS Hospital involvement where she was working and after her retirement from Government service.

Her interest in the subject of 'under-nutrition' became more and more intense. We made a draft of a project towards that and sent it to the Government. But, like it happens to Governments, it did not move forward fast enough which frustrated Dr. Amla who once mentioned to me "How much does it cost? I will take care of the expenditure and let us move ahead." It was a small project. That showed her commitment to children and women and to help them somehow. In the end, the project did not take off but Dr. Indra Amla's passion to serve women and children did not die.

Over the years we used to visit Dr. Amla's residence on Contour Road, Gokulam and later in Hinkal. She was an excellent host and conversationalist. And her conversations inevitably always led to something to do with service to society.

She had another side too — her love for animals, especially her two dogs *Boney* and *Mint*. After retirement the family settled in their own home near Hinkal in a small coconut grove. But the dogs were still attached to the CFTRI campus and would land up at the campus making their way from far off Hinkal. Dr. Amla, who would visit the campus for half-a-day would then meet the dogs on campus and indulge them in a sort of conversation, as if to know how their day went. She would then drive them back home, like a mother picking up her children after school !

Dr. Indra Amla was a committed worker not only during service but even after retirement. I feel with the passing of Dr. Indra Amla, the iconic era of exceptional women doctors who stood for a cause in Mysuru, has come to an end.

May her soul Rest in Peace.

NEWS BRIEFS

Zoo closed on Tuesdays

As the Mysuru Zoo and Karanji Lake Nature Park will be kept open on every Sundays as per the unlock guidelines by the Government, the Zoo and the Nature Park will be kept open for tourists and visitors on all days except on Tuesdays. The Zoo and the Nature Park will remain closed on all Tuesdays for its weekly maintenance, according to a press release.

Book Release

Writer S. Nagaraj's book titled 'Gururayara Mahimegalu,' published by Sri Raghavendra Prakashana, will released at Patrakarthara Bhavan in city tomorrow (Aug. 4) at 11 am. K. Raghuram Vajpayee, Dr. G. Ravi, Maddikere Gopal, Y.D. Rajanna and J.J. Anand will be present, according to a release.

Aradhana Mahotsava of Sri Raghavendraswamy

The 349th Aradhana Mahotsava of Sri Raghavendraswamy will be held on Aug. 4, Aug. 5 and Aug. 6 at Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt in Jayalakshmipuram here. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, devotees will not be allowed to have the direct darshan or participate in mass feeding at the temple premises on the above mentioned dates. Temple authorities will be telecasting live coverage of the puja rituals on all three days, which will be held from 7.30 am to 9 am and 10 am to 11:30 am on Youtube (https://www.youtube.com/user/anavatti) and on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/user/Annagirijlprm), according to a press release.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	105.68 ft
Yesterday	105.83 ft
Inflow	3,287 cusecs
Outflow	4,712 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,278.21 ft
Inflow	6,133 cusecs
Outflow	2,500 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,856.68ft
Inflow	2,423 cusecs
Outflow	2,750 cusecs

Couple escape with minor injuries as tree branch falls on bike

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (YDS&KS)- A couple, who was proceeding on a bike suffered minor injuries when a tree branch fell on the bike in front of the Mounted Police headquarters on Lalitha Mahal Road yesterday afternoon.

The couple was proceeding on Lalitha Mahal Road, when a branch of a tree fell at about 3 pm in front of the Mounted Police Office. As the branch brushed against the bike, the couple fell down and sustained minor injuries.

Shivanna, an eyewitness of the incident told *SOM* that passersby rushed to the help of the couple, who had sustained minor injuries.

As the branch had fallen on the middle of the road, traffic on the road was disrupted for about 15 minutes creating a traffic jam. Many two-wheeler riders got down from their vehicles and moved the branch to the road side and made way for the movement of traffic. Later, the MCC's Abhaya team arrived and cleared the branch from the roadside.

Meanwhile, a few residents of Siddarthanagar said that many roadside trees had become weak and dry and had fallen on the road due to wind resulting in injuries to motorists and pedestrians.

They have urged the MCC authorities to identify weak and dry trees and remove them before any fatal incidents take place.

Mysuru district reports 238 new COVID positive cases, 10 deaths on Aug. 2

Mandya sees 97 cases and three deaths, Kodagu reports 16 and Chamarajanagar sees 31 new COVID cases and two deaths

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (KS)- Mysuru district has reported 238 new COVID cases yesterday bringing the total number of positive cases to 4,820, according to the media bulletin received last evening.

As many as 1,692 patients have been discharged from hospital including 101 patients yesterday. Ten COVID related deaths were reported yesterday and the death toll so far in the district is 161.

The following are the COVID statistics of Mandya, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar, according to the State media bulletin.

Mandya: The district reported 97 new COVID cases yesterday bringing the total number of positives to 1,757. A total of 1,009 patients have been discharged so far including 26 patients yesterday. Three COVID related deaths were reported and the death toll so far in the district is 14. There are 734 active cases in the district till yesterday.

Kodagu: Sixteen new COVID positive cases were reported bringing the total positive cases to 467. A total of 288 patients have been discharged so far and the death toll so far in the district is nine. There are a total of 170 active cases in the district.

Chamarajanagar: 31 new COVID cases were reported yesterday and the total positive cases is now 743. As many as 463 patients have been discharged so far including 48 patients yesterday. Two COVID related deaths were reported and the death toll so far is nine. There are a total of 271 active cases in the district.

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	238
Total POSITIVE cases	:	4,820
Discharges yesterday	:	101
Total discharges	:	1,692
Deaths yesterday	:	10
Total deaths	:	161
Total active cases	:	2,967

Girl commits suicide

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (SPN&KS)- A 23-year-old girl, whose marriage was scheduled to take place this November, committed suicide by hanging self at her residence in Kalyangiri yesterday.

The deceased is Keerthana, an employee of a private firm in city.

As Keerthana's marriage was fixed as per her wish in the month of November, her parents had gone to book a Kalyana Mantap yesterday morning during which Keerthana hanged herself.

The reason for her to take the extreme step is yet to be known, according to Udayagiri Police who have registered a case and are investigating.

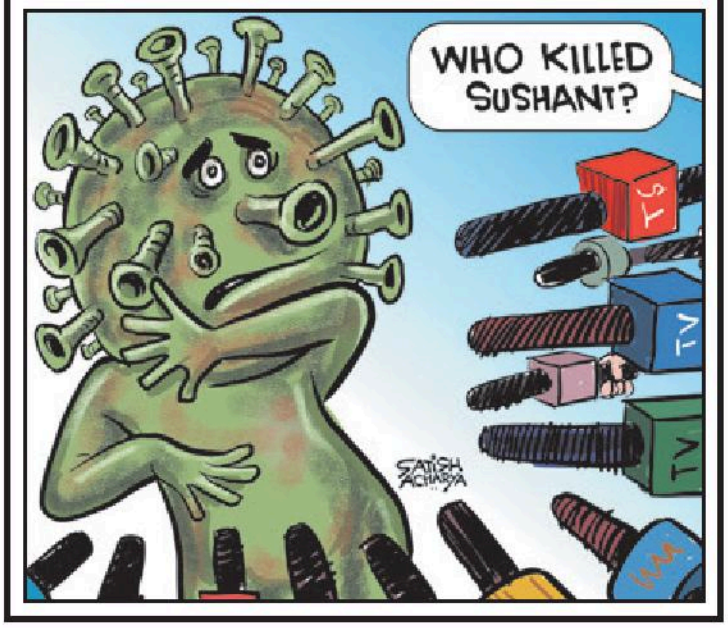
COVID positive undertrial escapes from hospital

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (YDS&KS)- A 23-year-old under trial, who was admitted to a hospital after he tested positive for COVID, has escaped from the hospital yesterday.

The under trial was admitted to the hospital on Saturday night from where he escaped the next day, according to the complaint lodged by Resident Medical Officer at Metagalli Police Station.

STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



KSPCB floats turmeric Ganesha idea for at home immersion

By M.B. Pavan Murthy

Mysuru, Aug. 3- COVID is a kill-joy for Ganesha Chaturthi and Sri Krishna Janmashtami celebrations that fall next in the series of festivals after Varamahalakshmi Vrata and Raksha Bandhan. Owing to COVID contagion, it will be private Ganesha celebrations this year and there will be no mass festivals and roadside pendals.

Mumbai and Maharashtra have already decided to curtail community Janmashtami and Ganesha Chaturthi celebrations in the wake of the rising COVID-19 cases. Karnataka, in particular Mysuru too will have to follow the same example. The need of the hour is to prevent crowding and ensure health and safety of people.

Ganesha Chaturthi falls on Aug. 22 and idol-makers in city fear that the pandemic as well as the restrictions imposed by the Government will hit their livelihood. Every year, in March or April, the idol-making process starts with the fetching of ideal soil (clay). The soil is softened and idols are made. The sale actually begins by July and peaks during August with every roadside nook and corner sporting idols of various sizes and themes.

This year, however, owing to the pandemic, idol-makers are yet to showcase their masterpieces. Amidst the contagion, the humble turmeric is back in focus for its scientifically-proven health benefits such as the potential to prevent heart disease, Alzheimer's and cancer.

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), recognising turmeric's potent anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties, has proposed the idea of Turmeric Ganesha amidst the pandemic. It has suggested that this is the ideal time to have home-made and eco-friendly idols, especially those made with turmeric.

KSPCB Member Secretary Srinivasalu told *Star of Mysore* that a meeting has already been called with idol-makers. They will be told that stern action will be taken against all those making and selling Plaster of Paris (PoP) idols. "We are in talks with some idol-makers to create awareness on making clay and turmeric idols at home and having a low-profile festival."

"Talks are also on with sculptors and small videos are being made which will be circulated so that people can see and learn. Turmeric has antibiotic and anti-bacterial properties and is ideal to be used during the COVID-19 times. For that matter, even using clay to make idols is not an eco-friendly idea as it takes over 500 years for one feet soil to form. Turmeric Ganesha is a wonderful idea and people can immerse them at homes without going for community celebrations," he said.

"Directions are also being sent to all check-posts to seize PoP idols and inform KSPCB and we will take criminal action against people," he said. Srinivasalu added that no mass celebrations should be held during this pandemic and the orders of other States will be studied, before sending letters to Municipal Corporations and Councils for implementation.

KSPCB's Mysuru Regional Office Environment Officer Prakash said that awareness about Turmeric Ganesha will be spread through milk packets, electricity and water bills. "Already an agarbathi manufacturer in Mysuru has printed Turmeric Ganesha poster in the agarbathi packets and Mysuru Milk Union Limited has agreed to print two lines on every milk packet urging people to use turmeric Ganesha," he added.

Corona-Mardhaka Ganesha for strength to combat COVID

Mysuru, Aug. 3- City-based artist D. Revanna, who is known for coming up with unique creative Ganesha statues based on current events during Ganesh Chaturthi every year, has come up with a special Ganesha statue depicting Corona-Mardhaka Ganesha idol this year.

The idol — 4 ft tall and weighing 15 kgs — is seen destroying the virus at the bottom of his feet with a potent weapon. As if to assist its master, Mooshika (Ganesha's vehicle) too is holding a sword and has been portrayed piercing the virus with his sword.

The weapon used to destroy the virus has the map of India carved on it and the idol is themed as if India (represented by Ganesha) is destroying the virus. Ganesha also holds two more weapons that have the virus at their tips indicating that the Lord is waging an all out war to destroy the virus from the Indian soil.

Revanna has come up with this special fibre Ganesha statue in 20 days to express solidarity with people across the globe and Corona warriors to create awareness on the virus and also mainly to pray Lord Ganesha to eliminate the virus and for the good health and wellbeing of the mankind.

Idol-maker D. Revanna giving finishing touches to the Corona Ganesha statue at his abode in Kumbarageri, Mysuru.

He spent Rs. 20,000 on the idol and prepared it at his secret room where he works on statues. He kept the idol a secret even from his own family members. Once the statue was prepared, he surprised his family members who later helped him paint the statue.

Revanna is a resident of Kumbarageri and he has graduated with Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting and Sculpture from noted CAVA (Chamarajendra Government College of Visual Arts) of Mysuru. He is known for coming up with over 500 eco-friendly Ganesha statues from 5 inch to 5 feet height using clay and natural colours.

State Government launches 'Vidyagama' Scheme for School students

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (RK&DM)- Even as uncertainty prevails over the re-opening of Schools due to COVID-19 pandemic, the State Government today launched 'Vidyagama' Scheme, a concept aimed at taking Schools to the doorsteps of children at villages in the absence of physical classes.

As per the scheme, the teachers, who hitherto asked to Work from Home, are now required to come to the schools, sign attendance and go on a journey for meeting the children at select points close to their (children) place of stay and engage them in academic activities.

As per the concept, the teachers after virtually engaging the children and their parents, ask the children to gather in batches of 10 to 15 at a spacious place located in the vicinity of their stay. All the children are asked to wear face masks, undergo thermal screening and maintain physical distancing among them. After the children assemble at the informed time, the teachers visit the spot and engage them in academic activities at least for two hours a day, teaching them common subjects such as Science, Mathematics, Social Science and English.

During the interaction, the teachers are required to clear any doubts of the students and also provide them with the latest inputs on the subjects they are taught.

With no signs yet on re-opening of schools, the Government has launched this unique concept in order to continuously engage the students in academic activities at this critical junction of time and not leave any gaps in the learning of students. The scheme is also aimed at making the students learn as much as possible till the school re-opens and keep them constantly engaged in learning as this is crucial in their academic pursuit.

JSS Hospital shortlisted for COVID vaccine trial

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"We cannot divulge any details now as things are not finalised. The trials will be to prevent symptomatic Coronavirus Disease. That's what we know as of now and we received the shortlisted news a few days back," he said.

Hospital sources said that the ICMR evaluated the facilities of the hospital and most likely, the institute will make the cut in Karnataka. "Samples will be sent to JSS Hospital once the preliminary process is completed at the Serum Institute. This apart, the IMCR has selected the hospital for the trials of an oral drug for COVID-19 too.

Now that the Drugs Controller General of India has approved the clinical trials, the Serum Institute of India will be able to kick-off the trials, effectively putting it ahead in India's own race for a COVID-19 vaccine.

Serum Institute of India has a tie-up with Swedish-British firm AstraZeneca, which developed the vaccine along with The University of Oxford, to manufacture this vaccine for low-and middle-income countries. The firm plans to conduct its phase II/III trials on around 1,600 participants. The vaccine is made from a weakened version of a common cold adenovirus taken from Chimpanzee and genetically modified to make it impossible for it to infect humans.

COVID Testing Lab at JSS Hospital.

Mass Upakarma ceremony held

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (SD&LNY)- Today is Upakarma, the auspicious day when the members of Brahmin community, who follow Yajur Veda, come together to symbolically change the sacred thread (Yajnopavita) and perform certain rituals that marks the beginning of study of Vedas.

This auspicious day, which falls on the Full Moon Day (Pournami) in the month of Shravana, having Shravana Nakshatra, is associated with Hayagriva Jayanti as well as Gayatri Jayanti.

Upakarma refers to the beginning of the study of Vedas. In particular, for first timers (those who are newly inducted into Upanayana), as per the tradition, Upakarma is the most auspicious day to start Vedic studies. This day also coincides with another important festival for Hindus, that is, Raksha Bandhan, to celebrate relationship between brothers and sisters. Raksha Bandhan is mainly celebrated in the northern and western parts of India with lot of pomp and vigour.

Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple at Vijayanagar, Mysuru, conducted mass Upakarma this morning. Community members changed their sacred thread (Yajnopavita) amidst chanting of Vedic hymns. The ritual began at 8 am and over 50 members of Brahmin community participated in the rituals while maintaining social distancing and hygiene. Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji of Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple graced the occasion.

Tomorrow (Aug. 4), Rig Vedic Brahmins will be observing Upakarma and changing their sacred threads, according to the tradition.

COVID Warrior dies of Coronavirus

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (MTY&KS)- A Government Ayurveda doctor, who had served as a Corona Warrior by treating COVID positive patients, has died of COVID just two days after his retirement. He was 60.

The doctor, a resident of Udayagiri in city, had served as the District AYUSH Officer at Chamarajanagar and had retired from service on July 31.

As the doctor developed COVID symptoms, swab test was conducted on him on July 21. A diabetic, the lab report of the doctor confirmed him to be positive for COVID on July 26 and was admitted to the COVID Hospital in city where he spent the day of his retirement on July 31. He passed away the following day.

The doctor used to travel from Mysuru to Chamarajanagar in a bus where he was involved in COVID related treatment and was also conducting awareness on consumption of Ayurveda medicine to prevent the spread of the deadly virus.

COVID positive man missing from Hospital traced at Bannur

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (KS)- A 76-year-old COVID positive senior citizen, who had gone missing from the COVID Hospital on KRS Road since July 23, has been traced at Bannur.

The senior citizen is a resident of Garadi Keri in Lashkar Mohalla and after he went missing on July 23, the hospital authorities had lodged a complaint at Metagalli Police Station.

Metagalli Police, who had registered a case, began their investigation and came to know that the senior citizen was suffering from memory loss. The senior citizen was traced at Bannur and is again admitted to the COVID Hospital.

Land Reforms Act amendments detrimental to farmers: Protesters

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (PM&SD) - Opposing the amendments to the Land Reforms Act-1961, members of various farmers' organisations staged protest at H.D. Devegowda Circle on Mysuru-Bannuru Ring Road junction in city this morning.

Strongly condemning the amendments to Karnataka Land Reforms Act, the protesters shouted slogans and held placards displaying 'Nammura Bhumi Namagirali, Anyarigalla' (Our village land belongs to us, not for outsiders).

Speaking on the occasion, President of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha Kuruburu Shanthakumar said, "The State Government's decision to amend the Land Reforms Act is detrimental to farmers' community in the region. We are going to hold protest in front of the city Court complex on Aug. 8. This year, farmers from across the State will symbolically observe Aug. 15 as a 'Black Day'."

Leaders of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Hasiru Sene, Rajya Raitha Sanghatanegala Okkuta, Rajya Kabbu Belegarara Sangha, Mysuru-Chamarajanagara Zilla Susthira Savayava Krishikara Okkuta including D. Somashekhar, Krishnegowda, Venkatesh, Nagaraju, Ramegowda and others were present.

Pourakarmikas Protest

Over 50 members of MCC Permanent and Contract Pourakarmikas Association held protests at Mysore City Corporation (MCC) premises on Sayyaji Rao Road this morning. Protestors urged the district administration to remit salaries of Pourakarmikas directly to their accounts immediately, which has not been paid to them from the last three months.

Association President G. Mahadev, General Secretary Srinivas, Committee President N. Mara and others were present.

Rakhi sales see massive drop due to Corona pandemic

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (RKB&SD) - As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to rise in numbers in city, Rakhi sales witnessed massive drop on 'Raksha Bandhan Day', a festival that celebrates sibling bonds.

Raksha Bandhan is celebrated by sisters who tie a sacred thread on the hands of their brothers on this auspicious day, promising that they will always protect each other. Days ahead of the Rakhi festival, female folks, in particular youngsters used to purchase Rakhi, a sacred thread, in advance. If one walks across the busy market place like one near Chikka Gadiyara Circle in city, one can see thousands of Rakhis, made of variety of materials, from cotton and silk threads to precious metals, which ranges from as low as Rs. 5 to Rs. 600 or sometimes to the tune of thousands of rupees.

"Sales of Rakhis is not even 25 percent of what we sell every year. I have incurred huge loss this year," said Shravan, who sells Rakhis in the market place near Chikka Gadiyara Circle in city. Shravan sells whatever product that has huge demand depending on the festive season, such as fire crackers during Diwali festival and bangles during Gowri festival.

"Probably, this pandemic has created a sense of fear among people. Students were my major customers who used to buy 'Rakhis' and 'Friendship Bands' in large numbers. This year, as schools and colleges are closed, very few youngsters are here to buy them. There used be huge demand for Friendship Bands, but this year, I have not even sold 5 percent of what I sold last year," he added.

There might be some celebrations at home, but the zing is missing, leading to a joyless season for vendors like Shravan and small businesses that were hoping to make some money during the festive season.

"Earlier, women would come to us to buy 'Rakhis', but sales are dull this year. This disease has ruined us completely," added another vendor, who has been selling 'Rakhis' for the last 10 years. After four months of lockdown, the fear of contracting the infection seems to run deeper than ever.

Two conmen held for duping City Engineer by giving him fake gold

Cops recover Rs. 20 lakh cash, seize two vehicles, four mobile phones from them

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (KS) - Saraswathipuram Police have arrested two conmen, who had duped a city engineer of Rs. 30 lakh by promising him to give gold beads but had given him fake gold beads instead.

The arrested are Bheema alias Dyna and Arjun alias Marwada, both residents of KRS. The Police have recovered Rs. 20 lakh cash and have seized a Royal Enfield (KA-11-EF-8764) bike, a Honda Dio (KA-11-EN-9651) scooter and four mobile phones used for the crime.

DCPs Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda and Geetha Prasanna, K.R. Sub-Division ACP M.S. Poornachandra Tejaswi and City Crime Branch's V. Mariyappa supervised Saraswathipuram Inspector R. Vijaykumar, Kuvempunagar Inspector G.C. Raju, CCB Inspector Jagadish, K.R. Sub-Inspector C.N. Sunil and staff Lingarajappa, Ramaswamy, Suresh, Basavaraje Urs, Raghavendra, Arjun, H.V. Manjunath, Nataraj, Manjunath, Puttappa, Kumar and Manju in the nabbing, recovery and seizing operation.

It may be recalled that the conmen, posing as construction workers, claimed that they got the gold while working near a temple in Tamil Nadu and wanted to sell it off at a lesser price, as they were in dire need of money.

On July 4, victim Raghavendra had gone to T.K. Layout to purchase items for his home and it was here that a conman identified as Mohan approached Raghavendra seeking information about a bank. Mohan and told Raghavendra that he was a construction worker from Madhya Pradesh and while working at a site he had got some gold coins.

Falling into the trap, Raghavendra asked Mohan to show the coins and readily agreed to purchase them and had asked Mohan to come to the same spot on July 11. When they met again on July 11 at T.K. Layout, Mohan told Raghavendra that his (Mohan's) brother Arjun had the coins and was waiting near All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) campus.

Accordingly, Raghavendra and Mohan reached AIISH campus and met Arjun who handed over two beads from the chain and asked Raghavendra to get them checked. Raghavendra then went to a goldsmith who certified that the beads were genuine gold.

After two days, Raghavendra called up Mohan to finalise the deal and picked up Mohan and Arjun from Doddakere Maidan and reached Lakshmikanthaswamy Temple on the Outer Ring Road. Here too, the accused handed over three beads from the gold chain and Raghavendra's friend Jayakumar got them examined by a goldsmith. Jayakumar called up Raghavendra and told him that the goldsmith had certified that the beads were indeed made of gold. The accused then asked Raghavendra to get Rs. 30 lakh for the gold.

On July 17, Mohan handed over the bag that contained the ornaments to Raghavendra and Raghavendra handed over the cash bag containing Rs. 30 lakh to Mohan. Raghavendra returned home and took the ornaments to a goldsmith and was shocked when the goldsmith said that the beads were fake, following which he lodged a complaint at Saraswathipuram Police.

Women's Co-op. Society in the dock for misuse of gold jewellery, money

Mysuru, Aug.3- Accusing the City's Women's Credit Co-operative Society located in Kuvempunagar K Block of misuse of large sums of money,a member of the Society has lodged a complaint with the Ashokapuram Police alleging that the Society has cheated her of pledged Gold Jewellery.

The member Shanti D.Avaradi, a resident of Kuvempunagar, in her complaint said that she had availed Rs.10 lakh loan from the Society after pledging 780 gms. of Gold in 2012. After clearing the loan in full along with interest, she applied to the Society for getting back her pledged gold in July 2019. But the Society failed to return her pledged Gold although she had cleared the loan she had availed along with Interest. When she persisted the Society to return her Gold,the Society Secretary told her that the Society has availed Rs.8.65 lakh loan from Manappuram Assets by pledging 344 gms.out of the 780 gms she (Shanti) had pledged with the Society.

Although she brought this fact to the notice of the Society's President and the Executive Board members, no action has been taken for returning her pledged gold,the complaint said.

Based on Shanti Avaradi's complaint, the jurisdictional Ashokapuram Police have registered a case against the Society President, Secretary and the Directors under Sections 406,409,420,504,506 and 34 of IPC.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that a few other members alleging misuse of money in the Society, too have lodged a complaint with the Ashokapuram Police.

Forgotten in India - A Hero in Japan
Justice Radhabinod Pal

By Dr. C.D. Sreenivasa Murthy

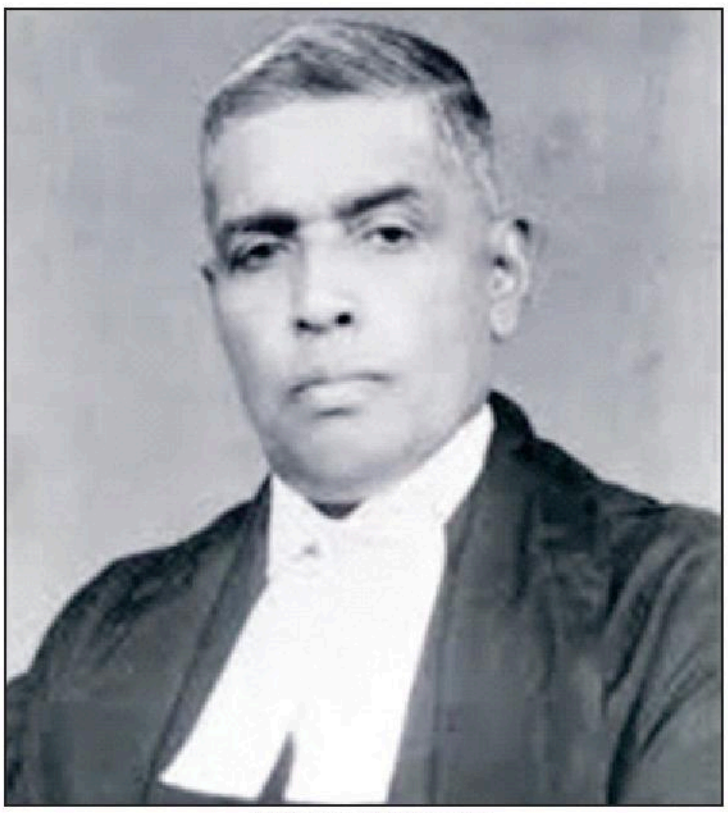
The United States dropped an uranium atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima on 6th August 1945. Nearly a lakh of civilians died instantly or were severely injured. Another plutonium atomic bomb was detonated over the city of Nagasaki on 9th August 1945 with a similar devastating effect. This resulted in Japan's announcement of an unconditional surrender to the US Forces, on 15th August 1945. The supreme commander of the allied forces, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, received the formal instrument of surrender on 2nd September 1945 on the US naval ship Missouri, and he continued as the military administrator of Japan. The General arrested all the main decision-makers like the Prime Minister, Chief of Military and a number of others and imprisoned them. One of the main accused was General Hideki Tojo, Prime Minister of Japan (1941-44).

The US and the allied powers were keen to punish the top decision-makers in the Government and the military who started the war. They called them the war criminals. They constituted the International War Tribunal for the Far East, on the lines of the Nuremberg Trials of Germany. The Tribunal had eleven Judges drawn all over the Western world and British Commonwealth. The Judges came from England, France, New Zealand, United States, Philippines, India etc. Popularly known as the **"Tokyo Trials"**, the trials started on 14th May 1946 and lasted for two-and-a-half years. The final judgement was delivered in November 1948. The defendants included former Prime Ministers, Foreign Ministers and prominent military Generals who were involved in the decision- making to wage and continue the war.

The Tokyo War Trials were long and went on for more than two years. The trials had 816 sessions, more than 4,000 witnesses and 48,412 pages of transcripts. The sentences were pronounced in November 1948. Slowly each of the Judges pronounced the defendants to be guilty. The 11th Judge thundered **"NOT GUILTY"** and stunned ten other brother Judges and the whole Courtroom. **The man who gave the dissent and exonerated all the accused was "Justice Radhabinod Pal" from India.**

Justice Pal was born in a small village in present day Bangladesh and educated in Calcutta. He worked as a Professor of Law, retired as a Judge of Calcutta High Court and later was appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University. He was known for his legal erudition and expertise in international law. He was nominated as a Judge on the Tokyo War Tribunal by the then British Government of India in 1946. Justice Pal wrote a lengthy dissenting judgement of 1,250 pages. It seems that Jurist Pal rarely went out of his hotel room in Tokyo and personally typed his lone lengthy dissenting judgement. He felt that the trials themselves were illegal. He opined that like the European countries who had Colonies, Japan too was entitled to acquire its own Colonies. He pointed out that Japan cannot be tried for crimes against humanity. He felt that the large devastation and deaths inflicted by the American atom bombs were as much, if not greater, crime against humanity.

He gave a number of arguments terming the Tokyo War Trials as irregular and illegal. Justice Pal's dissenting opinion was severely criticised all over the western countries. Pal's view was "aggressive war was reasonable because it is about National Sovereignty". He pointed out that



Justice Radhabinod Pal

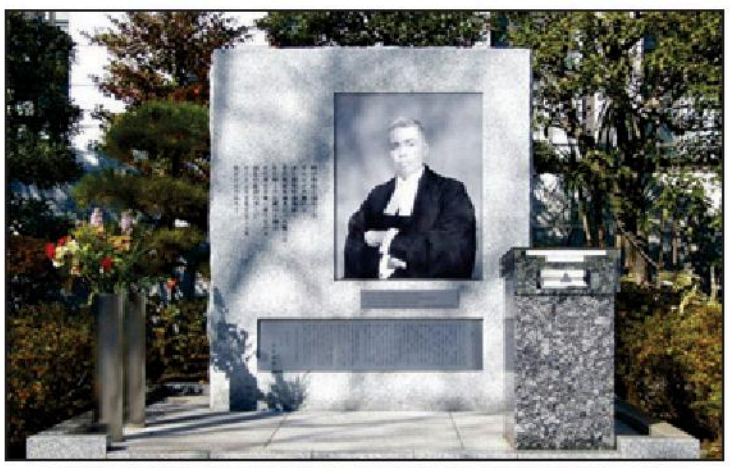
the Western countries acquired their Colonies by brutal wars and hence did not have a moral right to stand in judgement. He was of the opinion that conquerors should not pass judgement on the conquered and the Tokyo trials were more of a victor's revenge. In his judgement, Pal was very severe towards Japan too, but his criticism of the US was very serious.

The War Tribunal and the Western Governments did not like the dissenting opinion of Justice Pal and decided not to publish his 1,250-page-long judgement. Japan signed a Peace Treaty with the United States in 1952, and the military administration of Gen. Douglas MacArthur ended, and Japan was once again a sovereign free nation. Soon afterwards the Japanese Government published the 1,250-page-long dissenting judgement of Justice Pal.

Pal's opinion that Japan was not legally culpable, was accepted and hailed by a large section and particularly the upper classes of the country. The Japanese society appreciated the courage and passion of Justice Pal. It is said thus Justice Pal's opinion highly mitigated the shame and remorse felt by the Japanese people and particularly the ruling elite.

After the Tokyo Trials, Pal was elected to the UN International Law Commission, where he served illustriously from 1952 to 1966. Japan felt very grateful to Justice Pal. The Emperor bestowed on him the nation's highest honour **"Order of the Sacred Treasure"** in 1966. He was invited twice more to Japan for lectures. The Government of India honoured him with the title *"Padma Vibhushan."* After his death, the Japanese Government erected a memorial for Justice Pal in "YASUKUNI SHRINE", which is a memorial for the National and War Heroes of Japan. **When Prime Minister Abe visited India, he went to Calcutta to meet the son and family members of late Justice Pal.**

For his dissenting judgement exonerating Japan, Jurist Pal was highly criticised and vilified all over the Western world. But Justice Pal had the courage of conviction to go against the opinion of all the ten of his fellow Judges and the wishes of the allied powers of the United Kingdom, United States and Russia. **This Indian Judge showed exemplary courage in telling the world that in a war, there is no 'good side'. Justice Radhabinod Pal is almost forgotten in India but remains a greatly admired and adored hero in Japan.**



Justice Radhabinod Pal Memorial in the Yasukuni Shrine, Japan.

A group photo of the Judges of the Tokyo War Trials.

More than 500 Kar Sevaks to attend
Ram Mandir *shilanyas* at Ayodhya: Ramdas

Mysuru, Aug.3 (RKB&DM)- With Prime Minister Narendra Modi set to lay 'shilanyas' for Sri Ram Mandir at Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh on Aug.5, K.R. MLA S.A. Ramdas said that more than 500 Kar Sevaks from city will be travelling to Ayodhya by a special train from Mysuru to attend the grand ceremony.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here on Sunday, Ramdas said that the Prime Minister's foundation stone laying event will be telecast live in about 90 countries.

Pointing out that Ram pujas will be performed from 9.30 am to 2 pm on Aug.5 at all the prominent Circles coming under his Constituency, he said that special pujas will also be performed in 312 temples and all Ram Mandirs in the city marking the event, for which preparations have already begun.

Noting that more than 10,000 devotees have come forward to perform Ram puja at their homes, he said that this number may reach 25,000 by Aug. 5.

The Circles are Chamundipuram Circle, Gobbalimara Circle at J.P.Nagar, Bhramaramba Circle, Srirampura, Vivekananda Circle, Shanthisagar Complex in Kuvempunagar, Kavita Bakery Circle, Akshay Bhandar junction at Kuvempunagar, K.G. Koppal Circle, Silk Factory Circle at Ashokapuram, Agrahara Circle, Jwalamukhi Circle and in front of Ganapathi Sachchidananda Ashram on Nanjangud road.

Huge LED screen: Stating that a huge LED screen will be erected in front of his Office at Vidyaranyapuram for the benefit of the public to watch the programme live on Aug.5, Ramdas said that Kar Sevaks of the city who had taken part in Ram Janmabhoomi Kar Seva at Ayodhya on Dec.6, 1992, will be felicitated on the occasion.

Pointing out that all preparations have been made for the performance of pujas, he said that specific tasks have been assigned to party workers.

Srihari of GSSS Foundation, B.S. Prashanth of Safe Wheels, BJP leaders M.Vadivelu, Premkumar and others were present at the press meet.

MLA's mother donates Rs.7,80,216

Ramdas disclosed that his late mother had voluntarily donated a part of her savings towards Ram Mandir. He said that his mother had collected Rs.7,80,216 in 'Golakas' over the years and the same has been sent to Ayodhya through Kar Sevaks.

Soil from Chamundeshwari Temple sent to Ram Temple
Water from all rivers in Karnataka too sent to sanctify Mandir site

Bengaluru, Aug. 3 (UNI)- The Karnataka unit of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) said water from various rivers and soil from religious places in Karnataka have been sent for the construction of Ram Temple in Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh.

The ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of the temple would take place on Aug. 5 and Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been invited to the event. "We have sent the water and soil from all the rivers and religious places in the State. It will be used for sanctifying the temple site," VHP Prachar Pramukh Basavaraj said.

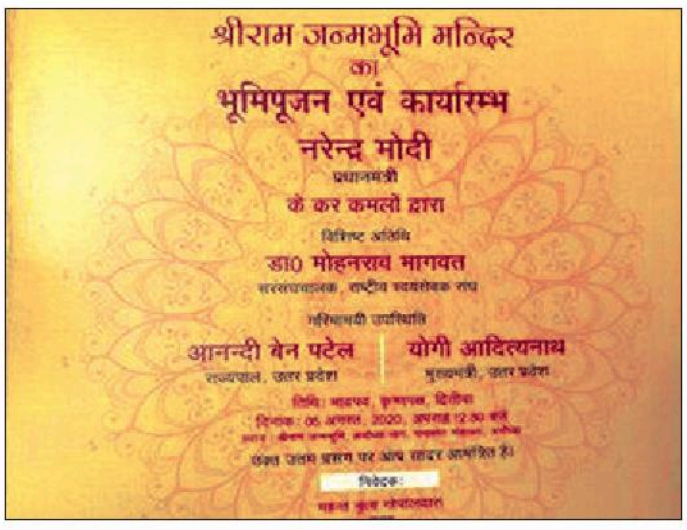
According to him, Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji sent water from Cauvery and Kapila Rivers. Dharmasthala Manjunatha Srikshetra's Dharmadhikari Dr. Veerendra Heggade sent water from Nethravathi River while Sringeri Shankaracharya Sri Bharati Tirtha collected water from Tunga, Bhadravathi and Sharavathi Rivers.

Similarly, various Seers sent water from all the important rivers such as Krishna, Bheema, Malaprabha and Ghataprabha. The soil has been sent from temples of Sri Chamundeshwari in Mysuru, Sri Krishna in Udupi, Manjunatheshwara in Dharmasthala, Rambhapuri in Balehonnur in Chikkamagaluru district, Siddaganga Mutt in Tumakuru and Datta Peetha, Basavaraj said.

First invite

Meanwhile, the first invitation card has been sent to Iqbal Ansari, who was one of the main litigants in the Babri Masjid dispute. The invitation card, with a yellow background colour, has been prepared by the Ram Janmabhoomi Theertha Kshetra, the Trust set up by the Centre to oversee the construction of Ram Mandir. The invitation card will be sent to around 200 invitees, who would grace the ground-breaking ceremony.

Ram Temple will be 161 feet in height and its construction is expected to be completed in around 3 years. Its height has now been increased from 141 feet to 161 feet while its carpet area has been increased from over 16,000 square feet to 28,000 square feet. It will be one of the largest temples in India.



AIUTUC stages protest against Railways privatisation move

Mysuru, Aug.3 (PM&DM)- Accusing the Union Government of making moves for privatisation of Indian Railways, members of the District Unit of AIUTUC (All India United Trade Union Centre) staged a demonstration in front of the City Railway Station here yesterday urging the Government to drop any privatisation moves.

They urged the Government to stop privatisation of Indian Railways in any form, introduction of 151 private trains on 109 routes, selling out or closure of Railway land, Colonies, Stations, Hospitals, Workshops and other Railway Establishments and Corporatisation of seven Railway Production Units, among others.

Opposing any increase in freight and passenger fares, they also demanded filling up of all Railway vacancies, introduction of a defined pension scheme instead of NPS and scrapping of the recommendations of Vivek Dev Roy Committee.

AIUTUC office-bearers V. Yashodhar, Muddukrishna and others took part.

Kesare hut dwellers demand homes

Mysuru, Aug.3 (MK&DM)- Seeking homes for them, more than 80 hut dwellers residing near Kurimandi Park in Kesare staged a demonstration under the banner of Dalit Sangharsha Samiti (DSS) in front of the park yesterday.

Claiming that they have been living in thatched huts for several years braving the sun and rains, the dwellers maintained that several representations to people's representatives and the authorities to provide them shelter have gone unheard.

Accusing the authorities of being apathetic to their plight, they urged the Government to come to their rescue by building houses and providing civic amenities.

DSS office-bearer Nanjappa Basavanagudi and others took part in the demonstration.

Missing person found dead

Mysuru, Aug. 3 (YDS&KS) - A 35-year-old man, who had gone missing, was found dead at Sagarakatte backwaters yesterday, coming under Yelwal Police.

The deceased is Manohar, a resident of Kuvempunagar.

Manohar had gone missing a couple of days ago and a complaint was lodged at Kuvempunagar Police Station. Yelwal Police have registered a case.

Obituary

Dharmendra

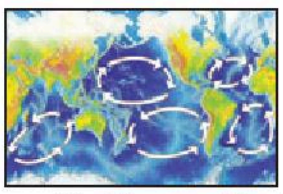
Mysuru, Aug. 3- Dharmendra (48), son of late Javarappa and a resident of Bogadi, passed away yesterday following a heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Bogadi Burial Grounds this morning, according to family sources.

WORD OF THE DAY

Gyre



Pronunciation: JYRE.
Meaning: A circular or spiral motion or form; especially : a giant circular oceanic surface current.
Origin: William Butler Yeats opens his 1920 poem, "The Second Coming," with the following lines: "Turning and turning in the widening gyre / The falcon cannot hear the falconer; / Things fall apart; the center cannot hold; / Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world...." Often found in poetic or literary contexts as an alternative to the more familiar circle or spiral, gyre comes via the Latin gyrus from the Greek gyros, meaning "ring" or "circle." Gyre is also frequently encountered as an oceanographic term that refers to vast circular systems of ocean currents, such as the North Atlantic Gyre, a system of currents circling clockwise between Europe, Africa, and the Americas. Gyre is also sometimes used of more localized vortices, such as those produced by whirlpools or tornadoes.
Example: Sophia will be focusing her graduate studies on the effects of ocean gyres on North America's climate.

THE ODD WORD

Gaita

Spanish bagpipes.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Get off your high horse

Meaning: A request to someone to stop behaving in a haughty and self-righteous manner.
Origin: 'High' has long been a synonym for 'powerful'; 'remote from the common people'. This usage isn't limited to being on one's 'high horse' but has also persisted in terms like 'high and mighty', 'high-handed' and 'high finance' and in job titles like 'high commissioner'. When we now say that people are on their high horse we are implying a criticism of their haughtiness. The first riders of high horses didn't see it that way; they were very ready to assume a proud and commanding position, indeed that was the very reason they had mounted the said horse in the first place. The first references to high horses were literal ones; 'high' horses were large or, as they were often known in medieval England, 'great' horses. John Wyclif wrote of them in English Works, circa 1380: Ye emperour... made hym & his cardenals ride in reed on hye ors.
Medieval soldiers and political leaders bolstered their claims to supremacy by appearing in public in the full regalia of power and mounted on large and expensive horses and, in sculptural form at least, presented themselves as larger than life.
The combination of the imagery of being high off the ground when mounted on a great war charger, looking down one's nose at the common herd, and also being a holder of high office made it intuitive for the term 'on one's high horse' to come to mean 'superior and untouchable'.

QUOTE BOX

No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle.—**Winston Churchill**

RIDDLE THIS

If you've got me, you want to share me; if you share me, you haven't kept me. What am I?

Answer: A secret.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Sharp pain
5 Experiment rooms in schools
9 Mem of the Leg. Council
12 "O, rig" anagram for a prince from literature?
13 Roman 1052
14 Addressee
15 Coarse stiff hair
16 __ __ for : supports or sides with (6,2)
18 Highly skilled
20 The badger's home is called this
21 Inquisitive
24 Spin around
27 Complained
31 Sine ___ non : the essential condition?
32 Egg-shaped
33 Hearing organ
34 Major canal
35 Mrinal ___ : famous Indian film director of "Bhuvan Shome" fame?
36 Zither-like medieval instrument
38 More real, less false
41 A certain kind
42 It fits to _ ___ (it fits perfectly) (1,3)
44 Bout; hot contest (3-2)
48 Pimento
52 Stiffly formal
53 Actor Gibson
54 Canal or Lake
55 Straight ___ : shortest distance between two points
56 The heavens
57 Slender
58 ___ Highness : King's title ?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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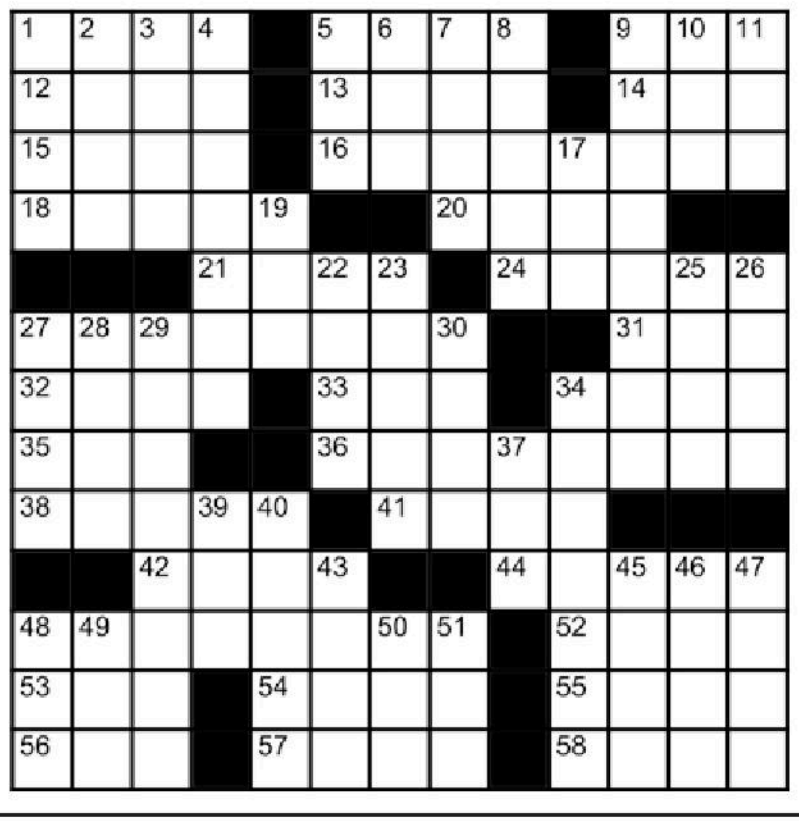
Down
1 Italian city
2 Matured - like wine in wood
3 Short letter
4 Small anchor
5 Licentiate in Medicine and Surgery, acronym?
6 Altitude, abbr.
7 Partiality
8 Tendon or muscles, in a way?
9 Enigmatic aura
10 Pet name for Louis?
11 Saucer's partner
17 Direct to home, abbr.
19 Large weight
22 Stride
23 Baker's need
25 Repenter or crier?
26 Indolent or slothful
27 Bewildered
28 Pronounce or state
29 By hand
30 A brewer's cart
34 Excessively or exorbitantly
37 Long playing records, in short?
39 Extra-terrestrials, abbr.
40 Drive away
43 The Republic of Ireland
45 Triad or threesome
46 Ex-India paceman Yohannan
47 Hebrew measure
48 Early hrs.
49 Albanian coin
50 OSS replacer
51 Even, contracted by a poet ?



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Answer to previous puzzle

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

XD XA XUHZAAXQTC DZ CFLZM XSTXFO DVZBZWOVTM

WFTCAA ZFC VPA HTCFDM ZJ NZBR DZ SZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Patriotism is your conviction that this country is superior to all other countries because you were born in it.

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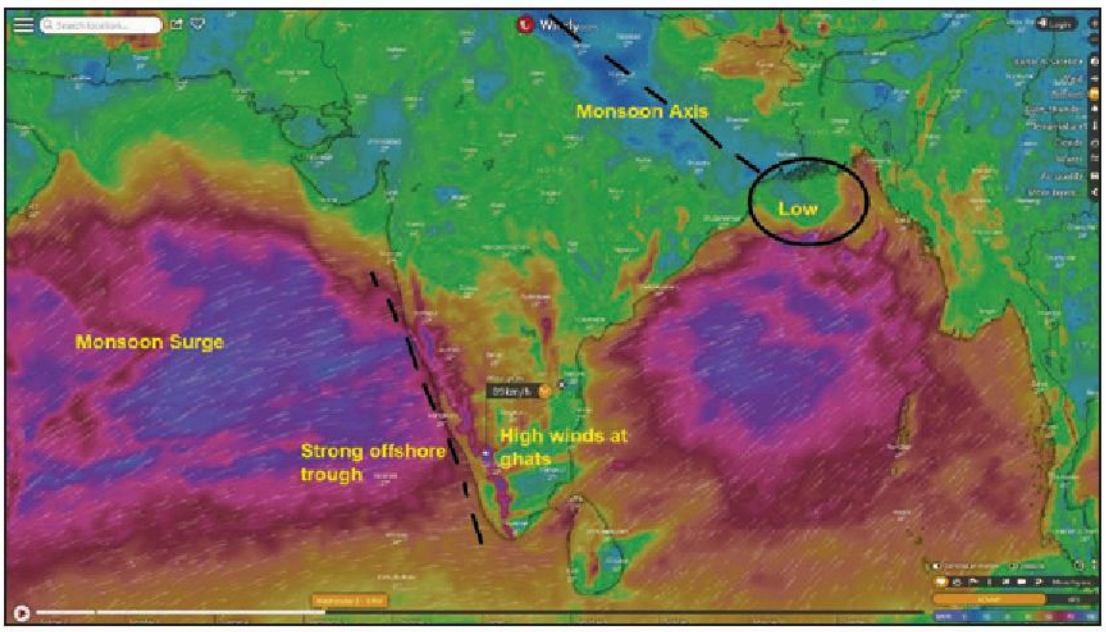
Plea to repair this road at Vijayanagar 2nd Stage

The Vijayanagar 2nd Stage Double Road which was dug up for UGD works is left without filling the dug up trench properly resulting in rain water getting collected in the trench causing inconvenience to the smooth flow of traffic. Because of this, the double road has become an one-way road which is forcing motorists to travel on a single side road. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the road repaired at the earliest.

Prevent garbage dumping at Nanjumalige Circle

Dumping of garbage has become a daily affair at Nanjumailge Circle causing a lot of problems to the public. This is also hampering the smooth flow of traffic on the road as cattle gather at the garbage spot on the busy road disrupting traffic. Though the civic workers clear the garbage daily, garbage is dumped as soon as they clear it, allege residents of the area. They have urged the authorities concerned to take steps to prevent garbage dumping on the busy roadside.

Third year in a row: Heavy rains expected in Kodagu



Mysuru/ Madikeri, Aug.3 (PS&BCT)- For the third successive year, heavy rains are expected in Kodagu, its adjoining districts, Coastal Karnataka and Kerala starting from today (Aug. 3), predicted Tamil Nadu Weatherman.

Incidentally, it has been raining in Kodagu since the last two days and the India Metrological Department (IMD) too has forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall in Kodagu for the four to five days.

The Tamil Nadu Weatherman's prediction says that Kodagu and Kerala received maximum rainfall in the month of August in 2018 and 2019, literally destroying vast swathes of land and rendered thousands of people homeless. Mountains were brought down, houses crumbled and rivers changed course due to flash floods and landslides.

"Particularly in 2019, the rainfall shifted from drought to excess rainfall in such a short period and most of the dams started overflowing. This trend will continue this year too," says Pradeep John, the man behind Tamil Nadu Weatherman, the portal that covers interesting weather events in India, particularly in Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

Like 2018 and 2019, Kerala and Karnataka received less rainfall in the month of May, June and July and drought-like condition prevailed. "In August, however, things changed and maximum rainfall has been received, coupled with destruction. This year too, it will rain heavily in August as a low pressure area has been formed in peninsular India. There will be a surge in monsoon with strong offshore trough and high winds at ghats," the prediction says.

What is monsoon trough

As an effect of low pressure formation and its passage along the trough, strong wind currents form over the west coast. These currents are blocked by Sayhadri Mountains resulting in formation of offshore trough. Hence, due to this offshore trough, west of coast of India receives good rain (SEE PHOTO).

First low pressure area

"Till date not even a single low pressure has formed in the core monsoon region and this is the first low pressure area which has formed in North Bay and then moves into core monsoon zone. It will be followed by next low pressure in the second week of August.

Whenever a low pressure area forms and moves inland from Bay of Bengal via Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat, it activates monsoon winds in Arabian Sea side and creates strong offshore trough. The first low pressure lasts till Aug. 8 or 9 followed by next low pressure which forms immediately," the Tamil Nadu Weatherman's prediction says.

Yellow alert in Kodagu

In Kodagu, according to the prediction, Talacauvery, Bhagamandala, Naladi, Soorlabbi, Madapura and adjoining areas like Hattihole, Yemmethaalu, Kaloor, Thantipaala, Madikeri, and Mukkodlu will be the hotspots. It may be mentioned here that these areas received the highest rainfall in the last two years.

The IMD yesterday issued yellow and orange alert for several districts in Kerala for the next four days (Monday onwards). The IMD website also indicates the formation of a low-pressure area over North Bay of Bengal towards the later part of the first week of August and says it's likely to intensify over north-west Bay of Bengal off Odisha coast at the end of the first week.

In Kodagu, yellow alert has been declared by the District Administration till Aug. 4 and orange alert has been sounded till Aug. 7. The District Authorities have alerted people living in low-lying areas and those living on the river banks to move to safer areas. The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams that are stationed in Kodagu too have been put on high alert.

The Orange alert indicates heavy to very heavy rainfall, while yellow warning indicates moderate rain is expected. The Red alert is the most serious kind of weather warning which indicates the weather is likely to cause damage.

August 2018 rain in Kodagu broke 87-year-old record

Kodagu district received the highest-ever rainfall for August 2018, surpassing an 87-year-old record. It was in 1931 that the district received 1,559 mm rain during the entire month. However, in the first three weeks of August alone, the district received a total rainfall of 1,675 mm (till August 21).

The data from India Meteorological Department, Bengaluru, showed 45 percent (768mm) of the record August rainfall was received within three days — August 15, 16 and 17, 2018. Such a huge quantity of rain within a short duration was the reason behind large-scale damages in the district.

If the rain quantity exceeds more than 200mm in a day, it is termed extremely heavy rainfall. Kodagu received the highest-ever daily rainfall when it recorded 300mm in a single day on August 17.

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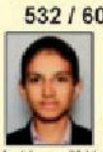
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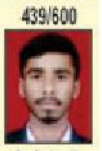
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